

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just one quick question, Senator Withem, if I may. Do necessary governmental services include recreation activities?

SENATOR WITHEM: Senator Beutler, necessary governmental services is no longer in the bill as a result of the most recent committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Oh, really?

SENATOR WITHEM: The term now is public purposes specifically authorized in this section. And I don't believe providing recreation is one of the public purposes specifically authorized in that section. So I believe the answer to your question is, no.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion? Did you wish to close on your motion, Senator Withem?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, only to say I just...I told a lie to Senator Beutler. It is, in fact, contained in the bill. Parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities is, in fact, contained in the one of the powers that SIDs do have. With that, if he has additional comments, I would give some of my closing time to him.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. Do you have further comments, Senator Beutler, since....?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I guess I would have some additional questions for Senator Withem and maybe Select File is a better time but there was a point in time, Senator Withem, when we had some long debates and we took out of the SID law I think it was the power to build golf courses, swimming pools, some things that tended to increase the tax levies of SIDs and were not seen particularly as necessary governmental functions and which added to the cost of cities and counties at the time...or cities at the time that they had to annex these particular entities and I guess my question that I would ask you to think about is, are we going full circle back to that situation again or are there additional controls that would preclude the abuses that we addressed some years ago?